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SUBJECT: NYERERE'S REMARKS ON REPLACING RHODESIAN ARMY WITH ZIPA - PRESS GUIDANCE

LAGOS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

1. WE RECEIVED REPORTS EARLIER TODAY THAT PRESIDENT CONFIDENTIAL

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NYERERE SAID IN PRESS CONFERENCE IN DAR ES SALAAM THAT US AND UK AGREED TO DISBANDING OF PRESENT RHODESIAN ARMY AND ITS REPLACEMENT WITH ZIPA. ALTHOUGH NO TEXT IS AVAILABLE, BRITISH EMBASSY IN DAR CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY HERE THAT REPORTS GENERALLY ACCURATE.

2. WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH BRITISH ON POSSIBLE US/UK PUBLIC

STATEMENT. WE HAVE AGREED ON, AND FCO LONDON HAS APPROVED, TEXT OF PRESS GUIDANCE BELOW. OUR JOINT ANALYSIS IS THAT ANY COMMENT WOULD ONLY COMPLICATE THE SITUATION. WE INTEND TO MAINTAIN THIS POSITION IN REACTION TO ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM OTHER QUARTERS ON THE PROPOSALS.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON PRESIDENT NYERERE'S

STATEMENT THAT THE US AND UK HAVE AGREED TO THE DISMANTLING OF THE PRESENT RHODESIAN ARMY AND ITS REPLACEMENT WITH THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE'S ARMY (ZIPA)?

ANSWER: WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT UNTIL AFTER WE HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE COMPREHENSIVE BRITISH AND U.S. PROPOSALS FOR A RHODESIAN SOLUTION WITH ALL THE INTERESTED PARTIES. FOLLOWING THOSE DISCUSSIONS, WHICH WE INTEND TO COMPLETE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WE EXPECT THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE THE PROPOSALS PUBLIC. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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